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Statement of Chris Connaughty, D.C.
Commerce Committee
In support of HB 5568
March 7, 2013

Sen. LeBeau, Rep. Perone and members of the committee:

I am Dr. Chris Connaughty, a Chiropractic Physician who has practiced in Connecticut for 26 years. I serve as legislative committee chair for the Connecticut Chiropractic Association, who I represent today.

We support HB 5568, *An Act Concerning Targeted Health Areas*, but ask that you extend the bill's provisions to members of the Chiropractic profession. As drafted, the bill limits the new program to physicians.

Chiropractors are members of the healing arts and have a scope of practice that permits primary care services to patients as well as the ability to diagnose and treat ailments.

We support the concept of expanding access to additional primary care services to individuals in underserved areas. To make the concept a success, we would urge you to permit chiropractors and other health care professionals who provide primary care services to participate.

We hope you will provide equity to our profession by including chiropractors within the bill.

Thank you.